

#### THE AIRMAN'S SOURCE FOR LEGAL INFORMATION



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Edition, 2013

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Yes. Personal opinions are allowed,

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Where can I go for more infor-

Air Force Social Media Guide, 4th

www.defense.gov/socialmedia/

Air Force Instruction 1-1, para. 2.15

education-and-training.aspx

#### SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

You are a member of the United States Air Force 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Air Force Instruction 1-1 requires all members to maintain high standards of conduct in *all* aspects of your life including your actions on social media.

Each member of the Air Force is personally responsible for what they say and do on any form of social media. Social media includes all websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or participate in social networking such as Facebook and Twitter. Other examples include hosting or posting on blogs, message boards, YouTube, Snapchat, and dating websites.

#### What are you responsible for?

You are responsible for each post, blog, and video you produce, post or upload. Your obligation is to maintain the same appropriate standards of communication and conduct with others as you would in face-to-face interactions. Any violation of federal or state laws, regulations, or policies may subject you to disciplinary action in state court or under the UCMJ.

In addition, you are responsible for the network you keep. For example, "friends" and "followers" may potentially constitute relationships that could affect determinations in background investigations and security clearances.

### Can I post information about my job?

Yes, to an extent. Operational security restricts classified, FOUO, and other official DoD information and documents from being posted on social networking services or transmitted via non-DoD e-mail accounts without proper authority.

In addition, be smart about your personal safety. Avoid posting personal or identifying information that can leave you and your family at risk.

## Are there any restrictions to what I can post on blogs or posts?

Yes. You must avoid offensive, inappropriate, and any other behavior that would otherwise be harmful to good order and discipline of the Air Force on all forms of social media. In addition, you cannot blog or com-

#### Divorce in Arizona

10 April 2015, 0900-1030 Airman & Family Readiness Center Advance registration required. Call 228-5690

#### FREE PROFESSIONAL TAX SERVICES!

DMAFB VITA volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS to prepare a variety of returns for our military community. This is a free service for any Active Duty, dependents (with military ID), National Guard, Reserve, Public Health, and Military Retiree with access to the base.

The appointment line is open for Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Retirees and Public Health personnel to schedule appointments. Appointments are M-F from 0845-1400 and slots are still available.

<u>Appointment Phone Number: 228-3489</u>

#### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

# Powers of Attorney & Notary Service

Monday - Friday
(walk-in basis)
0900-1500
\*Military Priority
1100-1300

#### **Attorney Visit**

(by appointment only) Call 228-5242

#### OR

#### Walk-In Attorney Visits

(no appointment needed)
Thursdays
Active Duty &
Dependents Only
0730-0830

#### **CLAIMS ASSISTANCE**

## **Air Force Claims Service Center**

Fast \* Friendly \* Fair M-F 0700-1700 EST Phone: 877-754-1212

Damage of Household Goods from DPS Shipments? www.move.mil

#### AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL

CAPT JENNY LIABENOW CAPT ALEXANDER DEHNER PARALEGAL- TSGT SARAH SWIFT

The ADC works for you THROUGH the Air Force's Chief of Trial Defense Division, Washington, D.C. The ADC does not report to the 355 FW, 12AF, or ACC chain of command. INDEPENDENCE is what the ADC program is all about. We are here to ensure you are provided the best defense possible.

#### CALL 228-5664



Capt Jenny Liabenow



Capt Alexander Dehner Area Defense Counsel



TSgt Sarah Swift Defense Paralegal

# PREPARING FOR YOUR LEGAL ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENT

LOG ONTO: https:://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil

#### Wills & Powers of Attorney

- 1. Click on tab "Legal Worksheets."
- 2. Complete worksheet for documents you wish to have created.
- 3. Save your ticket number, then call the Legal Office for an appointment.
- 4. Please complete online survey!

#### **Legal Assistance**

- 1. Click on tab "Legal Information."
- 2. If the information you are looking for is not listed, call the Legal Office for an appointment.
- 3. Please complete online survey!

# TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL 228-5242

### WISDOM - VALOR - JUSTICE

### TAX RETURN REJECTED BY THE IRS?

If you recently tried to file a federal tax return, but you got a notice saying it was rejected, what can you do? The first thing is don't ignore it. Rejected tax returns happen very frequently and there are several common contributors. The most common reason for a rejected return is that a dependent's social security number (SSN) may have already been claimed by someone else filing a return. If this is the case, you will need to file a paper return. After the IRS processes your return and that of the erroneous return, they will contact both parties for supplemental documentation to see who should really be able to claim the dependent. Unfortunately you will only know of an error beforehand if you file electronically. If you file by paper, then you will need to wait for the IRS to inform you that there is an issue.

There are a number of other issues that could potentially create a rejected return. The most important thing is to get the message from the IRS stating why it was rejected. When you get that message, you can either go to <a href="www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>, or you can come visit the friendly volunteers at the VITA tax center for assistance. They will help you decipher what needs to be done and, if they can't help you, point you in the right direction. Give them a call at 228-3489.